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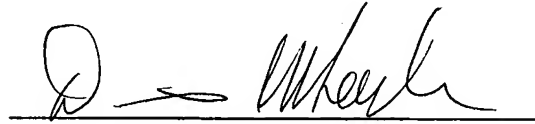
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The relevance of these patents is that they are related to storm drain and conduit covers. Notification from the Examiner regarding consideration of these references is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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